



# Errington Special Education Centre

Part of the Plympton Learning Community



## Senior Sub-school End of Term Newsletter

Dear Families,

With the mention of our school in the media this week it is important to be reminded that our focus remains on the quality education we provide to the students we proudly teach. Recently Errington hosted the Public Education Advisory Committee meeting. This is chaired by Professor Alan Reid, who recently spoke at our Education Leaders Day as part of launching a statement on public education. This 6 page statement is available on the DECD website. The purpose of the statement is to promote pride in public education. Again a timely reminder that Errington is a public and proud school.

At the recent Education Leader's day, our Chief Executive Officer, Rick Persse spoke about *purpose driven education*, that our organisation / school is **one team, one purpose** and that this shared purpose unites and promotes a collaborative culture. This term many families have had their NEP meeting or if your child is in their final year, a transition meeting. Working in collaboration with families to formulate goals, a common understanding and the shared purpose of optimising student's potential in all areas of their learning.

Thank you to the **West Torrens Rotary Club** for once again entertaining the students with a visit from Easter Bunny delivering eggs to all our students. The students look forward to this every year and were not disappointed.

**The Ladies of Variety Club** zoo event was a huge hit, the students are animated when the day is mentioned. The organisers and all their hundreds of volunteers are to be congratulated. Thank you to the parents who also volunteered their time to support us being there.

For those celebrating Easter, I wish you a happy Easter and to all a safe and happy school holiday break. I look forward to working with you next term.

Niki Takos  
Principal



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On March 14 2017, the staff had a student free day. The day was broken into 3 parts. Planning and driving the school forward around teaching learning is a major focus during 2017 so the development of the site improvement plan was a key focus in the morning session.

In the middle part of the day, staff were trained in Manual Handling by an Industrial Physiotherapist. Staff were taught how to move students safely and care for themselves with appropriate movement in different situations.

The afternoon session was some further training in Non Violent Crisis Intervention. This session focussed on the cycle of escalation and how staff can support students during these times. Communication and personal space was also a feature of the training.

Staff look forward to these days as it provides an opportunity for professional development.

The Term 2 Student Free day will be on **Monday 29 May 2017.**

Also, please put in your diaries student photo day will be on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2017.** We ask that students are dressed in their Errington uniform and have with them their best smile!!!

Sam Hele  
Deputy Principal

## Senior Sub-school news

The students in the senior sub school are engaged in their personalized learning program with the focus on Modified SACE.

### Senior 1

Hello we are Senior Class 1, in our class there is (year 12) Jai, Kassim Hamid, (year 11) Nicholas .D, Tahlia, Gabriel, (year 10) Ben and Nicholas .C. Karen Hill is our teacher.

In S1 we do a variety of activities as a group such as excursions, science, cooking, gardening, art and drama and Business and enterprise, the Experience About Being a senior is Building up You're Determination to take a step to a great life, self-improvement, Extending you're Skills up to maximum, Being a grown up, especially When it comes to being in public, excepting changes and embracing them.

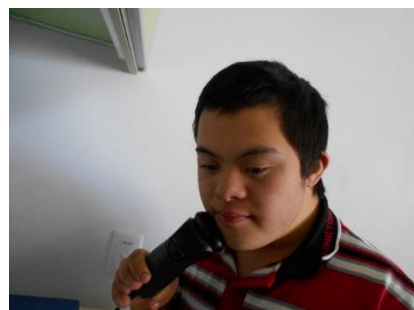
S1 at the Discovery Centre carrying out research into the first settlers of 1836

*Words by Jai, Kassim Hamid & Nicholas Daly. Pictures by Ben, Gabriel & Tahlia*



### Senior 2 and 3

S2 & S3 have both made a great start to 2017. We welcome Jett Lamprill and Cooper Hanby to the Senior School this year. On Tuesdays, S2 & S3 have been working together during our 'Personal Care & Hygiene' program. In the afternoon, both classes have also been participating in the weekly community access excursions to Apex Park where students have been focusing on navigational concepts and directional language.



### Senior 4 and 5

Welcome to our learning journey for 2017. Senior 4 and 5 settled back into the school year and are working well together in Art and PE. Using the interactive smart board and sensory choices are a highlight of our learning . Here we are in action!



Kick Start for Kids donate foods to schools so that kids who don't have food can eat. Kick start gives us yogurts, vegemite or cheese sandwiches, jam, wholegrain bread, milk, Weetbix and fruit to people in South Australia. You need to eat breakfast to get your brains working, be more focussed and to get more energy to do P.E, Drama and all lessons. S1 is also about improving your skills and taking them to new heights.

As S1 do the food orders we send an order form for each class, we made the order form on a computer. We use our maths skills to tally up the orders and then we go on their website and open our account to send to put what the subsschools tell us they want.



On Friday check the order and sort it and we take the food around the school to the classes. We have to use our maths skills, communication , prosessing skills and customer service which means being respectful and using manners.

We would like to thank Kickstart For Kids and Ian for all the food that they supplied for us!



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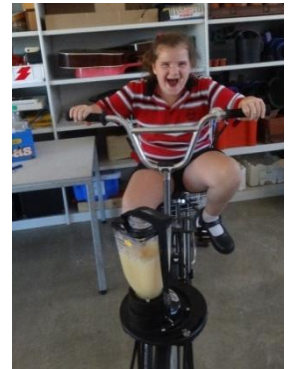
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## Health and Physical Education

As you can see from the photographs, our Errington smoothie bike is a hit with our students across the site. Students have been choosing their own ingredients before making a smoothie. This would not be possible without the support of Findon Fresh Fruit Barn who you may know kindly donate all the fruit free of charge.



**Congratulations as a school are due as we have once again been accredited as a Sunsmart school by the Cancer Council.**



Dates for diaries next term:

Inter school Soccer Tournament – Hamilton Senior College 11<sup>th</sup> May

Inter school Athletics event – Santos Stadium 17<sup>th</sup> May

*We will also be regularly updating current ESEC information, Newsletters, School Council meetings and much more on our website from Term 2. Please go over and have a look at our website and watch out for regular updates.*



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